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case - Timothy N. Pfeiffer. Subject - Homicide, New Brunswick, N.J., DEW/Bamhardt, Wills Investigation - Mr. DeM.

February 28. 1923. Proceeded to Paterson, N.J. and interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt at their home. Mr. Barnhardt's sister was present part of the time.

The substance of the conversation that Mr. Barnhardt had with Jim ills on the afternoon of February 18, 1923, was as follows: -

Jim Mills is suspicious of Mr. Parker, Mrs. Hauptman, and Mr. Totten, thinking that we are all working together to frame him up. Jim Mills, in order to verify his suspicions of Mr. Parker, tested Parker out in the following manner -

On or about Saturday. February 10, Jim Mills received a letter telling him to go to the Clairvoyant - After his meeting with the Clairvoyant, the following day, which was on Sunday, Feb. 11th, he (Mills) went down to see Mr. Parker, at Mount Holly. After talking with Mr. Parker for awhile, he (Mills) asked Mr. Parker. "Do you believe in Clairvoyant's?" and Mr. Parker answered. "Yes." At this moment Jim Mills verified his suspicions that Mr. Parker and the rest of us were working together to try to pin the crime on him.

Jim Mills then told Mr. Parker that he had some very influential friends, and if anything would happen to him that the thing would be looked up thoroughly. It is Jim Mills' impression that Mr. Parker was a little bit raid of this remark, and for that reason Parker has not seen Jim Mills since.

Jim Mills is constantly roasting Mrs. Hauptman, but Charlotte states that when she (Mrs. Hauptman) comes to the house, he (Mills) treats her friendly.

Mr. Barnhardt also informed Mr. DeM. that Jim Mills showed him a letter, the outside envelope of which showed that it had come from the Washington Senate. The contents of this letter was as follows: - "I have had our agents